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10 July 1950

The Honorable Erien McMahon  
Chairman, Joint Committee on  
Atomic Energy  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator McMahon:

Attached hereto for your information is a copy of the current Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee estimate of the "Status of the USSR Atomic Energy Program" which was reviewed as of 6 July 1950 by the members of the Intelligence Advisory Committee and approved without comment, except by the Director of Intelligence, U. S. Air Force, whose comments are as shown therein.

This estimate is written on a completely different basis from that employed in previous years in the belief that it will more fully satisfy your Committee than did previous estimates.

Please be assured that I am at your service to answer any questions which may arise from a consideration of this estimate.

Sincerely,

a/RHH - by hand DCI to  
Senator McMahon 7/10/50.

Encl:

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dated 4 July 1950.

R. H. HILLENKOETTER  
REAR ADMIRAL, USN  
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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